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[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

Summary of work in Chinatown, San Francisco, for the week ended September 10, 1904.

The following is received from Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue, under date of September 12:

Week ended September 10.

Buildings reinspected	98
Rooms	1,075
Persons inspected	1,309
Sick	14
Sick prescribed for at Oriental Dispensary	13
Dead examined	10
Necropsies	6
Rats examined bacteriologically	29
Number showing pest infection	0
Places limed and disinfected	547
Times streets swept	3
Sewers flushed	14
Notices sent to abate plumbing nuisance	10
Abated	5
Undergoing abatement	20
Total number plumbing inspections (plumbing report is for two weeks)	205
Blocks covered with Danysz virus	8

Transactions on account of smallpox in northern Maine, Canadian border.

Report of sanitary work in the Madawaska region.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hammond reports, through Surgeon Kalloch, as follows:

Week ended September 3, 1904: Number of cases under supervision, 0; of these, previously reported, 0; new cases, 0; houses under

quarantine, 0; houses fumigated during week, 2; cases discharged during week, 2; persons vaccinated during week, 5; miles of territory covered, 25.

Transactions on account of yellow fever at Laredo, Tex.—Conditions at San Diego and Alice.

Acting Assistant Surgeon MacGregor reports, through Passed Assistant Surgeon Richardson, as follows:

SAN DIEGO, TEX., *September 5, 1904.*

There have been no new developments here.

In Alice there were 3 deaths yesterday, of a child and two old people, one from sudden heart failure (chronic disease) and the other from senile decay. No deaths from infectious diseases.

The fever cases at this place are all doing well, though long continued. I visited a ranch near here, where I found a collection of about 15 families; no sickness discovered.

We have had frequent local rains, and the weather has been very hot.

I shall go to Benavides to-day.

Conditions at Rio Grande City—Inspection at ferry—Inspector appointed.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Dashiell reports, through Passed Assistant Surgeon Richardson, as follows:

RIO GRANDE CITY, TEX., *September 7, 1904.*

Transactions for week ended September 2, 1904: Houses inspected, 322; barrels inspected, 472. Wigglers were found in 11 barrels, which were oiled.

Twelve cisterns were inspected and, with few exceptions, were found in good order.

One case of continued malaria has been reported. I advised screening, which has been done.

Forty-eight passengers have been inspected at the ferry landing, but all of them were from towns and ranches in the immediate neighborhood of Rio Grande City. I saw one man on the streets here who came from Monterey. He claimed to have crossed the river at Roma and remained only a few hours, returning to Mexico.

I will not have an inspector after to-day, as the fund secured by public subscription is exhausted and no one seems to be willing to contribute for his services any longer. This is to be regretted, as the work should not be discontinued.

NOTE.—The nomination of an inspector was authorized by the bureau for duty at Rio Grande City for the remainder of the season.

Summary of work at Laredo and New Laredo.

The following is received from Passed Assistant Surgeon Richardson, under date of September 13, 1904:

During week ended September 10 fumigated, in Laredo, 30 houses containing 96 rooms, inspected 6,523 premises, and oiled 1,591 water